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1. Radio-Diffusion Bucharest, located in the Strada Popov (formerly Strada Berthelot), has recently been enlarging its quarters. Several houses in the vicinity have been torn down to make room for a new building with new studios and offices.
2. The radios legitimately on sale in Rumania are the Popular, Peasant, and Pioneer. The Popular is a little better than the other two but they are all rather weak and subject to fading. They are constructed to receive only long and medium wave-lengths. All parts are Soviet-made. The tubes are easily spoiled and are very expensive.
3. The radio propaganda section of the Communist Party works in close collaboration with the Securitatea, in checking up individuals who are listening to foreign broadcasts. Money prizes are offered by the Securitatea for those who denounce listeners to such broadcasts as Voice of America, BBC, Radio Free Europe, and Paris. Party agents also buy up old radios, to keep them off the market and out of the hands of Rumanians. They take off the market so many spare parts that it is almost impossible to repair a radio in Rumania.

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